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ERITAPH for a collector:—"His work is done."

The latest despatches up to the hour of going to press, would indicate that the war cloud hovering over England and Russia is about to vanish.

Judging by the latest editorials in the Mail the Ottawa Government will give into the half-breeds at an early day. It is preparing the people for a "Peace with dishonor."

We call the attention of some of our Tory friends who affect superior patriotism to the following point made by the *Guelph Mercury*:—"The suppression of the rebellion is not a party matter, the responsibility for it is. This is a distinction the Government organs either cannot or will not see."

M. C. CAMERON, M.P., made a big hit in his speech on the High Commissioner. Some of the points were made in a humorous fashion, but they were none the less cutting. The speech will rank among one of the best hits of the session, and will be remembered as is the Charybdis speech, as one of the wittiest, yet most scathing of parliamentary addresses.

SOMETHING is going to drop in Winnipeg this week, or the editor of the *Times* will be to blame. He writes:—"Just as we are going to press this week we were shown a copy of the *Vegetable*, containing a contemptible and disgraceful attack upon *The Times*. It is not a very pleasant operation to skin a skunk, but next week we will have something to say about Huron's champion libeller and mud thrower, which will place the world's journalist in his true position with the public."

Is it idiocy or knavery that is charging the Liberal administration of 1873-8 with the responsibility of the rebellion in the Northwest today? If the Liberals had whipped the Indians and half-breeds to the verge of rebellion, would they have waited six or seven years before raising? The rubbish uttered by the Tory journals in their wild efforts to shield the blunders now in power at Ottawa would be laughable were the effects of the blunders not so grave and humiliating to the country.

Our Tory conferees have given itself away badly. If things are so prosperous in Canada since the N. P. and there has been no exodus, how is it that there are so many Canadians in England and the United States? The *Spectator* cannot deny that the American cities are swarming with Canadian young men who could not find employment in the Dominion under the very high tariff policy.—(Goderich Signal.)

When *THE SIGNAL* takes time to remember that the tariff of the United States is much higher than that of Canada, perhaps it will be prepared to admit that our Grit contemporary has also given itself away badly.—(Spectator.)

The *Spectator* is dodging the question. The Tory papers, the *Spectator* among them, have ever claimed that there was no exodus under the N. P. Yet the *Spectator* admits that an army of Canadians could be raised within five miles of Chicago to put down the rebellion in the Northwest. The American tariff has nothing to do with the Canadian exodus under the N. P.

WE CAN'T TRUST HIM NOW.

Read the following for yourself. We add no comment:—

No. 1.
"If you can succeed in keeping Riel out of the way for awhile, I will make his case mine, and I will carry the point."
—Sir John, in 1871, to Archbishop Tache.

No. 2.
"I would to God I could catch him."
—Sir John at Peterboro, later in 1871.
A reward of \$5,000 for Riel, dead or alive, would settle the agitator in quick time. But Macdonald won't offer it. He would rather give the money to Riel to clear out, and then "Wish to God" he could catch him.

A "ROYAL" COMPROMISE.

It now seems as if the Macdonald-Royal-Riel agreement is to this effect: Riel and his rebels are to keep out of fighting range, if possible, until Middleton and Otter reach Prince Albert and Battleford, and that in the general triumph of the "relief" of these two stations, and all that, the Government think the people will be in a frame of mind to treat the rebels with magnanimity. This program can be perceived by anyone who reads between the lines of the *Mail's* editorials during the past week.

SNEAK JOURNALISM.

A few years ago we had occasion to liken the editor of the *Star* to Uriah Heep, for Uriah was "Su. very umble." Again we feel called on to point out the hypocrisy, not to say the impertinence of our confederate, in an article which he had the hardihood to insert in his sleepy journal last week. He starts off by deprecating our "blind partisanship," and raises his hands in pious indignation at what he characterizes as "rebellious rant," which he coolly avers is too much even for "our own political friends." Our own political friends are not in the habit of giving their confidence to strictly party questions, and the jellyfish journalist who is accredited with running the *Star*, the arms of hypocrisy is reached, however, when our confederate writes:—"There is a style of writing political opponents which has less of insult and more of argument than was displayed in the article we refer to."

The shallow cant of the above can be perceived, when we call an extract from the editorial columns of the same issue of the *Star*, redolent with the foulest abuse of the Mowat administration:—"In these ways a 'Christian politician' endeavors to rule this province. By bribery, by conspiracy, by perjury, by slander, by corruption, by degrading the Legislature, and by robbing the people—that is how Oliver Mowat rules in Ontario."

The article quoted from is headed, and precedes in editorial position the "original" article calling forth this reply, yet it is borrowed from the *Mail*. The *Star* invariably borrows its most readable editorial matter. The editor of the *Star* has for several years indulged in this style of sneak journalism crying out against the wickedness of outspoken journalists who write their own honest opinions, while he sheltered or excused himself behind the backs of outside papers or villainous anonymous correspondents.

We have only to state that not a single Reformer has up to the time of writing said anything to us but approval of our course in calling for the dismissal of the Tory incompetents at Ottawa and their tools in the Northwest.

MECHANICS INSTITUTE GRANT.

As will be seen by our report of the proceedings of the town council, that body at its last meeting decided, by a narrow majority, to refuse the usual grant of \$100 to the mechanics institute. We are sorry that such a decision was come to, and the more so because we understand that the result will be to cripple the efforts of the directors to carry on the work of the institute efficiently, and probably to necessitate the closing up of the reading room. The directors had been counting on receiving the grant as usual, and it will scarcely be possible now, without it, to comply with the requirements necessary to enable them to run the Government grant for next year. We are just as anxious as any one to have the taxes kept down, and proper economy practised by our town fathers, but we cannot help thinking that there are other less objectionable ways of saving \$100 than that of withholding the annual grant to the institute. We have no desire to reflect on the intelligence or the sincerity of those who opposed the grant, but by their own confession they have very little personal knowledge of the management or influence of the institute. We are told that a request will be made at next meeting of the council to have the decision reconsidered, and if it is, we hope that some, at least, of those who opposed the grant will, on reflection, take a broader and more liberal view of the matter, and, recognizing the benefit, direct and indirect, to the town of having a good library and reading room, will support a grant which no intelligent parent will object to bear his share of. The directors have, we understand, called a meeting of all the ticketholders, to be held in the reading room, on Monday evening next, to consider what is best to be done under the circumstances. If, as we have heard it charged, there are complaints against the management in any respect, we are sure the directors will be glad to hear them stated freely and specifically, and will do all they reasonably can to remedy any matters complained of. They give a good deal of time and labor without remuneration, to the work of the institute, and while willing and anxious to do the best they can as directors, they will all be equally ready to step aside and allow any others to fill their places; or, further, if the council would prefer to establish a free public library and reading room, they will find the directors of the institute prepared to co-operate heartily with them in such a step.

MISREULE AT OTTAWA.

There is no denying the fact that the blame attaching to the incident of the troubles in the Northwest lies at the door of the Ottawa Government. In their appointments the most irresponsible men and the most corrupt rascals have been given place and position, and from Dewdney, of Victoria, down to Pat Moore, of Huron, the employees of the Government have reeked with dishonesty and roguery of the worse kind. Sir John Macdonald and his Government are responsible for the appointments which they have made, and if bloodshed and rapine have followed as a sequence the footsteps of the rascals appointed, the Government is to blame. The Tory press may assume apparently virtuous indignation, and Tory superlatives generally may raise their hands in holy horror and lift their voices in loud disclaim, but the stern, indefensible facts of the case are against them, and all their hysteria will not enable them to beg the question. They tell us this is a time for united action to put down rebellion, and that we should not foment distrust of the Government of the day by pointing out the true reasons for the rebellion. In the first contention they are right, in the second they are entirely estray. This is the time for action, and Canadians—no matter whether they espouse the Red or the Blue in politics—should stand shoulder to shoulder in the maintenance of law and the preservation of order. But when Reformers do that, they are not bound to close their eyes upon the facts of the case—they are not necessitated to condone actions of a Government the employees of which discharged their duties so loosely and dishonestly that treason and rebellion reared their heads on our western prairies, where law and order had erstwhile obtained. Some one has blundered and that someone is the Government of the day. Great injury has been done to the Northwest, and so far as the settlement of that country is concerned, emigration has been put back at least five years; our volunteers have been taken from peaceful avocations to crush out red-handed rebellion, and, if needs be, lay down their lives; the blood of loyal men has been shed, and women have fallen by murderous hands; homes have been wrecked, and hopeful prospects blighted, perhaps forever. All this has been brought about by the incompetent action of the present Government at Ottawa, and the rascally tools employed by them to carry out the Northwest policy, and we unhesitatingly place the onus upon the right shoulders. There may be some who, when reading these lines, will say that our course in condemning the Government policy in the Northwest at this juncture is not prudent—is not loyal—but to these we would say that we are not doing out sentiment now, we are dealing with facts. Our country is in the throes of rebellion, and this is the time for plain speaking and prompt action. The Government, which has failed to do its duty in the past, must be forced to make all haste to remedy whatever can be remedied in the present and in the time to come. The rebellion must be crushed out, and that quickly. The day for dallying and treating with red-handed murderers is past, and the true loyalty is that which advocates the upholding of the honor of our country, and which denounces most strongly the venality and criminality of the tricksters and charlatans who are responsible for the present unfortunate condition of affairs. Lip loyalists may prate, and endeavor to show that our course in denouncing the Government has not been correct, but the loyal men and true, of all classes, who are not blinded by partisanship, will see at a glance that the rebels of this country and the men who are responsible for the loss of life and destruction of property in the Northwest, are not alone the rebellious half-breeds and their Indian allies, but comprise also those who by incompetency and connivance with knaves of all ranks, have fomented the troubles which have culminated in death and rapine on the plains.

We this week publish the new Weights and Measures Act. Every seller of produce should read it, and be on the watch against the heavy fines for violation of the law.

WHAT has bounded up ten cents a bushel since last week, in anticipation of an Asiatic war,

GIRL GOVERNMENT.

Methodist Maidens Ministering to Male Maw and Mind.

Fair Femininity Flourishing as a Factor in Feasting, Fun and Fancy Fine. Many Males Must Not Mar the Music, the Mirth or the Mental Miscellany Made by the Modest Maiden.

The tea social held in North street Methodist church lecture room on Friday evening last, under the auspices of the young ladies of that congregation, was a decided success. A score of young ladies in natty white lace caps and snowy aprons, took charge of the proceedings from the ticket table to the close of the programme, and they did the business in a way that gave pleasure to their guests as well as satisfaction to themselves. The turn out exceeded the anticipations of the promoters.

Refreshments were served early in the evening, and the cakes and coffee were excellent. The waitresses looked charming in their caps and aprons. It was nine o'clock before the audience was seated and ready for the "feast of reason and the flow of soul."

Miss Henderson occupied the chair in an able manner, as her speech was one of the hits of the evening. It was not read, but delivered from notes. She said:—

ADDRESS FROM THE CHAIR.

Gentlemen and Ladies,—I greet you tonight in the name of the young ladies of our congregation. I cannot express to you how grateful we are to see so many present. We take it as a token that our efforts are being appreciated. Still there may be some present who do not agree with our action tonight—who think that in obedience to the teaching of Paul, we, being women, should all be silent. Well, that may have been necessary in his time, but in our age, we cannot afford that so much mental activity should go to waste. (Applause.) Besides Paul may have had his private reasons for saying what he did. (Laughter.) However, be that as it may, I would ask you not to expect too much from us tonight, as we are without practice in the art of speaking. But when times shall have given us experience, we despair not of successfully rivaling the oratory of the Goderich Mock Parliament, or even the fiery eloquence of the Public Trustee, Hon. Mr. (Laughter.) We bring tonight as our offering to the church all the mental culture and talent which we possess. We also give you a practical illustration that we are capable of independent action, and of carrying to successful termination an important undertaking. (Applause.) So that, should our noble defenders be called to the far Northwest to fight in our country's cause, they shall not need to say sadly to each other as they depart,

"See, none are left to guard our strand,"
"Save women great who write the hand."

(Laughter.) Very recently in the city of Toronto a series of suicides of this kind was given. The first was an old folk's social; then followed one by the young men, and last and most successful was one by the young ladies of this congregation. (Applause.) The reporter in commenting on it, said "Twas ever thus." Well, we have reversed the order of things tonight, and will give the gentlemen a chance to prove whether "Twas ever thus" or not. (Applause.) You think you can copy from us and profit by our experience, for though not allowed to help us in any way, they are perfectly welcome to make observations. Oh! how times have changed! Once Sheba came to Solomon to learn wisdom. Now Solomon comes to Sheba. (Laughter and applause.) Rejoice girls! The age is quickening to the times but dimly shadowed in the lines of Tennyson, where he represents the Princess Ida, surrounded by golden-haired girl-graduates, and thus haranguing them:

"Oh, lift your nature up, embrace your aims; Work your freedom, give your soul a name; Knowledge is no more a fountain sealed, Drink deep, until the habits of the slave; The one employee, whose spirit was slandered; Better be at all than not be noble." (Applause.) Still there are those who object, those who oppose, who think that the rights of a higher education belong but to one half of humanity. They think woman's only sphere—the kitchen; and woman's only business—to wash, to bake, to brew. But now, when they see walls of prejudice crumbling down, and the iron gate of custom swing open, they become alarmed and raise the startling cry: "The sheep are in the clover," and woman's only business—to wash, to bake, to brew. But now, when they see walls of prejudice crumbling down, and the iron gate of custom swing open, they become alarmed and raise the startling cry: "The sheep are in the clover," and woman's only business—to wash, to bake, to brew.

With all their cunning tricks of guerrilla warfare, the redskins would quickly give them a lesson that will last them for half a century, or say until the Northwest be so thickly populated as to be in no danger from their attacks, then these metallic monsters should be freely used to hammer it into them "good and strong."

In their own kind of guerrilla warfare and on their own ground, the savages can beat us. But by using freely the most conveniently carried of the most improved death dealing weapons of modern times, we can as certainly beat them. A few showers of balls from the *mitrailleuse*, and a few explosions of shell in their midst when they thought themselves safe under cover, would work wonders upon them. The Gatling gun and the mountain howitzer appear to be of inestimable value as means of bringing to their senses savages who murder defenceless settlers and their families. In such a case it is criminal folly to talk of aloof or supposed merciful methods of warfare.

A number of our young men are practicing horse back exercise, presumably as cavalry recruits for the Northwest.

OUR TOWN FATHERS.

What Transpired at the Council Meeting Last Friday Night.

April 10th.
The regular meeting of the town council was held this evening. There were present—the mayor in the chair, reeve, deputy-reeve, and councillors Murney, Colborne, Campion, Lee, Cantelon, Acheson, Hunter, Dunlop, Butler.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
Moved by Johnston, seconded by Campion, that the public works committee be instructed to have the walks in the court house square protected by wire. Carried.

REPORTS.
The street inspector's report showed that \$30.64 had been spent on public works since last report. The damage done thus far by the spring thaw had not been so great as had been anticipated. Filed.

The treasurer reported that the roll had not yet been returned, and that some \$1,400 still remained uncollected. Filed.
The report of the fire warden was presented, together with inventory of articles belonging to the fire brigade.

RELIEF.
The following amounts were paid out in relief in the different wards: St. David's, \$10.75; St. George's, \$15.50; St. Andrew's, \$26.50; St. Patrick's, \$11.51.

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Moved by Hunter, seconded by Dunlop, that the usual grant of \$100 be given to the Mechanics Institute. Lost on the following: Yeas—Colborne, Cantelon, Hunter, Dunlop, Cameron, Naya—Johnston, Murney, Lee, Acheson, Butler, Campion.

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COMMUNICATIONS.
From M. D. Halsey, of Gait, on hand and horsepower fire engine.
From curling club stating that eleven bags of flour had been placed to the order of the relief committee for the poor of the town.

A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered the curling club.
From Public Works Department, Ottawa, stating that a Government dredge would be sent at the opening of navigation to Goderich to deepen the channel.

From London Guarantee Co. re securities of Town officers.
Moved by Butler, seconded by Cantelon, that the relief committee be discharged, and the distribution of relief be left in the hands of the clerk, and that he report monthly.
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